

Rule 1.14

STUDENT PRACTICE RULE

(a) **Purpose.** The following Student Practice Rule is designed to encourage law schools to provide clinical instruction in litigation of varying kinds, and thereby enhance the training of lawyers in federal practice in this District.

(b) **Student Requirements.** An eligible student must:

(1) Be duly enrolled in an American Bar Association (ABA) accredited law school;

(2) Have successfully completed at least three (3) semesters of legal studies, or the equivalent;

(3) Have knowledge of the Federal Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure, Evidence, the Code of Professional Responsibility, and the Local Rules of Practice of this Court;

(4) Be enrolled for credit in a law school clinical program at an ABA accredited law school which has been certified by the Court;

(5) Be certified by the Dean of the Law School, or the Dean's designee, as being of good character and sufficient legal ability, and as being adequately trained, in accordance with subparagraphs 1-4 above, to fulfill his or her responsibilities as a legal intern to both client and the Court; and

(6) Not accept personal compensation for legal services from a client or other source.

(c) **Program Requirements.** The program:

(1) Must be a law school clinical practice program for credit in which a law school student obtains academic and practice advocacy training, utilizing law school faculty or adjunct faculty for practice supervision, including experienced federal government attorneys or private practitioners;

(2) Must be certified by the Court;

(3) Must be conducted in such a manner as not to conflict with normal Court schedules;

(4) May accept compensation other than from a client, such as Criminal Justice Act (CJA) payments; and

(5) Must be a program which is either (A) subject to the

provisions of A.R.S. §41-621 on insurance or self-insurance by the State of Arizona, or (B) has other malpractice coverage satisfactory to the Court.

(d) **Supervisor Requirements.** A supervising attorney must:

(1) Be a member of the State Bar of Arizona whose service as a supervising lawyer is approved by the dean of that law school in which the student is enrolled.

(2) Be admitted to practice in the Court in which the student is certified;

(3) Be present with the student at all times in Court, and at other proceedings in which testimony is taken, except as permitted in subparagraph (f)(4) of this Rule;

(4) Co-sign all pleadings or other documents filed with the Court;

(5) Supervise concurrently no more than ten (10) students carrying clinical practice as their entire academic program, with a proportionate increase in the number of students as their percentage of time devoted to clinical practice may be less;

(6) Assume full personal professional responsibility for student's guidance in any work undertaken and for the quality of a student's work, and be available for consultation with represented clients;

(7) Assist and counsel the student in activities mentioned in this Rule, and review such activities with the student, all to the extent required for the proper practical training of the student, and the protection of the client; and

(8) Be responsible to supplement oral or written work of the student as necessary to ensure proper representation of the client.

(e) **Certification of Student, Program, and Supervisor.**

(1) Students.

(A) Certification by the Law School Dean shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court and, unless it is sooner withdrawn, shall remain in effect until expiration of eighteen (18) months.

(B) Certification to appear generally, or in a

particular case, may be withdrawn by the Court at any time, in the discretion of the Court, and without any showing of cause.

(2) Program.

(A) Certification of a program by the Court shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court and shall remain in effect indefinitely unless withdrawn by the Court.

(B) Certification of a program may be withdrawn by the Court at the end of any academic year without cause, or at any time, provided notice stating the cause for such withdrawal is furnished to the Law School Dean and supervisor.

(3) Supervisor.

(A) Certification of a supervisor must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, and shall remain in effect indefinitely unless withdrawn by the Court.

(B) Certification of a program may be withdrawn by the Court at the end of any academic year without cause, or at any time upon notice and a showing of cause.

(C) Certification of a supervisor may be withdrawn by the dean by mailing of notice to that effect to the Clerk of the Court.

(f) **Permitted Student Activities.** A certified student may, under the personal supervision of his or her supervisor:

(1) Represent any client including federal, state, or local government bodies and engage in the activities permitted hereunder only if the client on whose behalf the student is to act shall have approved in writing on a consent form available from the Clerk the performance of such acts by such certified student. In the case of criminal matters, the consent form necessary for a certified student to appear on behalf of the federal government or an agency thereof may be executed by the United States Attorney or authorized representative.

(2) Except as permitted in subparagraph (f)(4) of this Rule, a certified student may engage in the following activities on behalf of the office of the Federal Public Defender or private counsel in the defense of felonies only with the approval and under the direct and immediate supervision and in the personal presence

of the supervising attorney or such attorney's designee:

(A) appearing at or taking depositions on behalf of the client, and

(B) appearing on behalf of the client in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding, before any District Judge or Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, but only to the extent approved by such District Judge or Magistrate Judge;

(3) Engage in connection with matters of this Court, in other activities on behalf of his or her client in all ways that a licensed attorney may under the general supervision of the supervising lawyers; however, a student may make no binding commitments on behalf of a client absent prior client and supervisor approval;

(4) A certified student may engage in the following acts on behalf of a government agency as a representative of that agency without the personal appearance of the supervising attorney, but only if the supervising attorney or such attorney's designee is available by telephone or otherwise to advise the certified student.

(A) Appear in any action on behalf of a government agency or on behalf of the office of the Federal Public Defender or private counsel in the prosecution or defense of misdemeanors, but only subject to approval by the District Judge or Magistrate Judge presiding at hearing or trial in such action and upon written consent of the client. Documents or papers filed with the Court must be signed and read, approved, and co-signed by the supervising lawyer. The Court retains the authority to establish exceptions to such activities.

(B) Appear in any proceeding in actions brought solely under 42 U.S.C. Section 405(g) and Section 1395ff to review a final decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services;

(C) Appear in any proceeding in actions to enforce collection on promissory notes involving federally insured loans and direct federal loans in which the prayer for relief is less than \$25,000.

(5) In all instances in which, under these Rules, a certified student is permitted to appear in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding before any District Judge or Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, the certified student shall, as a condition to such appearance, cause the filing of the consent form or present the consent form for filing to the District Judge or Magistrate Judge.

(6) Certified students whose supervising attorneys are not government attorneys or attorneys acting full time on behalf of the office of the Federal Public Defender shall satisfy not only the requirements of this Rule, but also the requirements imposed by the State Bar of Arizona rules governing the practical training of law students, as those rules may be amended from time to time.